

Early Childhood Advisory Council
September 19, 2019
Minutes

Call To Order

The meeting of the Kentucky Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) was called to order at 1:05 pm September 19, 2019 at the State Department of Education Board Room, Frankfort, KY.

Roll Call

The following members were present: Twila Burdette, Amy Duvall, Kim Fithian, Paula Goff, Linda Hampton, Amy Hood, Veronica Sullivan, representing Wayne Lewis, Mike Nemes, representing Secretary Derrick Ramsey, Amy Wooldridge, representing Amy Smith, John Roden, Sally Shepherd, and Sarah Vanover. The following members were not in attendance: Travis Burton, Senator Danny Carroll, Anita Dowd, Representative Regina Huff, Tamra Parker, and Kristi Putnam.

Approval of Minutes, June 19, 2019

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Amy Hood, second by Sarah Vanover. The Council unanimously accepted the minutes of the June 19, 2019 meeting.

Executive Director's Update..... Linda Hampton

Linda Hampton, Executive Director of the KY Governor's Office of Early Childhood, informed the Council that on September 4, 2019, Ms. Hampton, Sarah Vanover and Paula Goff had the provided testimony before the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee in regard to the utilization of the Tobacco funds. On September 10, 2019, Ms. Hampton, John Roden and Deputy Secretary Nemes appeared before the Budget Review Subcommittee on Education. On August 22, 2019, Ms. Hampton, along with Chair John Roden, traveled with Save the Children to Clay County to participate in a home visit and school visit to meet vulnerable children and families that receive services from Save the Children. On September 4, 2019, Ms. Hampton, and Joe Roberts of the KY Governor's Office of Early Childhood, conducted a session at the Kentucky Center for Statistics conference on the KY School Readiness scores and how the Early Childhood Profiles work. Ms. Hampton announced that KCEWS has an agreement with Vital Statistics through the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to receive a data dump of the last 14 years of vital statistic data, with each child having a unique identifier. The identifier will allow the ability to track the entire picture of a child. Thus far, Kentucky is the only state that will have that ability active and operating. This work will be rolled into the Preschool Development Grant years 2 through 4. On August 6-7, 2019, Ms. Hampton attended the National Governor's Association, Fostering Cross-Sector Collaboration, to participate on a panel to address the health and success of children and families learning lab: closing convening. Ms. Hampton spoke on aligning and leveraging federal opportunities through the Preschool Development Birth through Five grant (PDG B-5), to grow the early childhood system. On September 26, 2019, Ms. Hampton will be moderating an Early Childhood Education Workforce Apprenticeship panel discussion at the National Governor's Association, Governors' Education Policy Advisors (GEPA) Institute in Minneapolis, MN. Secretary Derrick Ramsey, of the KY Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, will be on the panel to discuss apprenticeship and workforce in Kentucky.

Ms. Hampton spoke about the School Readiness Summits that have taken place. This year, the Summits were conducted regionally. On April 29, 2019, the Summit took place in Somerset, KY. On September 9, 2019, the Summit took place in Hopkinsville, KY. On September 16, 2019, the Summit took place in Morehead, KY. Through the Preschool Development Grant, each team will be permitted to apply for a mini grant in the amount up to \$45,000. All teams that are now alumni teams, have the opportunity to apply for an additional \$15,000 mini grant. Ms. Hampton reported that a Community Early Childhood Council (CECC) Pre-Conference took place at the Early Childhood Institute in June, 2019. The CECC teams that attended the Pre-Conference had the opportunity to apply for a Family Engagement Grant in the amount of \$45,000. Ms. Hampton also reported that there were 72 CECCs awarded \$1,069,345.00 from Tobacco funds in the 2019-2020 grant funding cycle. Ms. Hampton reported that monthly Webinars began September 25, 2019, to train the CECCs on being a successful Council. The Webinars will fully prepare and equip the CECCs to apply for the next grant early next year.

Ms. Hampton announced that the GOEC website is being updated. The new website is scheduled to be launched in November 2019. There will be a new URL. It is changing from www.kidsnow.ky.gov to www.ECAC.ky.gov. All content from the previous website has been updated. Ms. Hampton requested that, once the website is launched, the ECAC provide feedback.

Ms. Hampton informed the Council that the application for the Preschool Development Grant round 2 could possibly be released sometime next week.

Head Start Update..... John Mountjoy and Sally Shepherd
Sally Shepherd, KY Head Start Collaboration Director, informed the Council that there will be routine Head Start updates given to the Council periodically. Ms. Shepherd explained how Head Start funds are allocated to the Grantees. Head Start Grantees are at a community level. The grants are for a 5-year cycle. If there are no deficiencies, agencies may apply for another 5-year grant at the end of the cycle. However, if there is a deficiency at any time during the 5-year cycle, once the cycle is over, the grant can go up for competition.

John Mountjoy, Executive Director of Kentucky Head Start Association (KHSA), reported that KHSA is in a rebuilding phase. Mr. Mountjoy explained that the KHSA is not an organization that oversees grant funding for the 28 grantees across state. The KHSA is a true Association that brings together all the Head Start groups across the state so that they can have training, networking, mentoring, economies of scale and share resources and information. The goal is to serve as many children and families across the state as possible. In KY Head Start, there is approximately \$150 million in funds per year. About 16,000 families & children are served across 28 different grantees in 426 different classrooms. Mr. Mountjoy gave the Council members a proposed letter with the Kentucky Head Start Association's comments regarding the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking "Head Start Designation Renewal System", August 13, 2019 (84 FR 39996). The handout, as well as presentation can be found on the GOEC website at www.kidsnow.ky.gov. Discussion ensued. Chair John Roden asked for a Motion that the ECAC adopt the position in support of the KHSA response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking as described. A motion was made by Linda Hampton, and second by Twila Burdette. Motion unanimously accepted.

2020 CensusAmy Swann

Amy Swann, with the Kentucky Youth Association, reported to the Council that in Kentucky, the young children under the age of 5 years are the most undercounted age group in the National Census. The 2020 Census is getting ready to be begin in March 2020. Ms. Swann informed the Council that In Kentucky, more than 12,500 young children were not counted in the 2010 census. This is a problem that has caused Kentucky to lose at least 12.2 billion dollars every year due to the undercount. Ms. Swann asked the Council to consider what role their organizations, departments and agencies can play in helping to get this information out to touch families with young children in order to get the numbers up. Discussion ensued. Ms. Swann’s presentation can be found on the website at www.kidsnow.ky.gov.

Preschool Development Grant

Fiscal Mapping Findings and DiscussionAmelia Vaughan

Amelia Vaughn, Project Manager for The Children’s Funding Project, presented the Council with the final Fiscal Mapping findings and materials. Ms. Vaughn reviewed the goal of the fiscal map, which was to understand the dollars that make up Kentucky’s Early Childhood landscape; and to craft recommendations for better alignment. The scope of the picture that was captured with the fiscal map looked at funding streams that directly serve infants and children 0-5 years old, pregnant women and families, on the basis of having children 0-5 years old, and early childhood service providers, appropriations for state Fiscal Year 2018-2019, and included State, Federal and Tobacco MSA funds. Ms. Vaughan’s presentation, as well as hand-outs, can be found on the website at www.kidsnow.ky.gov.

Conclusion and Adjourn.....John Roden

Meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm.